Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, DC 20231

BOX: Office of Initial Patent Examination/Missing Parts

Sir:

Applicants request a two-month extension of time from June 17, 2002 to the date hereof to submit this Response. A deposit account payment authorization appears below.

In response to the Notice mailed April 17, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicants herewith submit the following:

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[X] 62 Formal drawing sheets

[] Executed Power of Attorney by Assignee and Exclusion of Inventor

[X] Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of Inventors

[X] Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet

[] Request to Correct Filing Receipt

[X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge the following fees to Deposit Account 03-3975 (Order No. 073203/029 3225) or any other fees that may be required:

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Basic Filing Fee, large entity:

\$740.00 Extension Fees, 2 months, large entity: 400.00

Large entity surcharge:

130.00

Assignment Recordation Fee:

40.00

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1806.
 - \$1386 for 77 total claims over 20.
 - \$420 for 5 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 2676.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

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- drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(I) and (p)(1));
- more than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1));
- drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets
 must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and
 durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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